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Applicant(s): Darwin Hou
Title: Palm Office Assistants
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Group Art Unit: 2621
Docket No.: 889712-23

July 12, 2001

PETITION TO MAKE APPLICATION SPECIAL
UNDER MPEP §708.02 VIII

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box Petition Office
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The applicant hereby petitions to make the above referenced application special. The application has not received any examination by the Examiner. In accordance with the requirements set forth in the MPEP 708.02 VIII, the applicant submits herewith a Statement of Pre-examination search and Discussion Of References Deemed Most Closely Related to Subject Matter Encompassed by the Claims and a copy of each of the related references discussed.

- X All the claims in this case are directed to a single invention.
- X If the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, the applicants will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.

If claims _____ are found not to be examinable in this case with claim(s) _____, Applicant hereby elects claim(s) _____ for the prosecution of this case.

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A search has been made by:

☐ the inventor ☒ Attorney/Agent
☐ professional searcher ☐ foreign patent office

in the following:

field of search: initially confined to classes: 358, 359, 361 and then expanded to other classes.

- ☒ There is submitted herewith a copy of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.
- ☒ Form PTO-1449 is attached.
- ☒ There is submitted herewith a detailed discussion of the references which discussion particularly points out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the references.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 130.00 is enclosed.
- At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 50-0968. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- ☒ Charge the Total Fees due to Deposit Account 50-0968. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 50-0968. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

Remarks

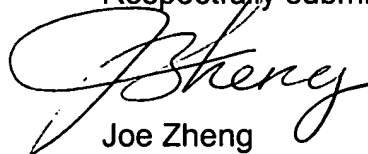
The applicant respectfully submits that the above statement meets the requirements of MPEP §708.02(VIII) and respectfully request the granting of the associated petition to make special. Please telephone the undersigned at (408)777-8873, if there are any questions.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Attention: Petition Special, Washington, DC 20231", on July 12, 2001.

Signature: _____

Joe Zheng

Respectfully submitted;



Joe Zheng

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